

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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NEWMARK GROUP, INC., G&E
ACQUISITION COMPANY, LLC, and BGC
REAL ESTATE OF NEVADA, LLC,

Plaintiffs,

v.

AVISON YOUNG (CANADA) INC.;
AVISON YOUNG (USA) INC.; AVISON
YOUNG-NEVADA, LLC, MARK ROSE,
THE NEVADA COMMERCIAL GROUP,
JOHN PINJUV, and JOSEPH KUPIEC; DOES
1 through 5; and ROE BUSINESS ENTITIES
6 through 10,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:15-cv-00531-RFB-EJY

ORDER

Before the Court is Defendants' Motion for Leave to Redact Defendants' Motion for Sanctions and File Under Seal Certain Exhibits. ECF No. 504.

As the party seeking to seal a judicial record, Defendants must meet their burden of overcoming the strong presumption in favor of access and public policies favoring disclosure. *Kamakana v. City and Cnty. of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172, 1178-79 (9th Cir. 2006) (holding that those who seek to maintain the secrecy of documents attached to dispositive motions must meet the high threshold of showing that "compelling reasons" support secrecy). However, where a party seeks to seal documents attached to a non-dispositive motion, the "public policies that support the right of access to dispositive motions ... do not apply with equal force" *Kamakana*, 417 F.3d at 1179 (citation omitted).

The mere fact that the public release of documents may lead to a party's embarrassment, incrimination, or exposure to further litigation will not alone compel the court to seal its records. *Foltz v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.*, 331 F.3d 1122, 1136 (9th Cir. 2003). Compelling reasons require a demonstration of something more, such as when court files have become a vehicle for improper purposes, including use of records to gratify private spite, promote public scandal,

1 disseminate libelous statements, or circulate trade secrets. *Nixon v. Warner Commc'ns*, 435 U.S.
2 589, 598 (1978).

3 The Court considered Defendants' Motion and the documents sought to be sealed. The Court
4 finds Exhibits A and B are properly sealed. The Exhibits contain confidential and proprietary
5 information the disclosure of which may lead to misuse and harm to the parties.

6 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendants' Motion for Leave to Redact
7 Defendants' Motion for Sanctions and File Under Seal Certain Exhibits (ECF No. 504) is
8 GRANTED.

9 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Exhibits A and B to Defendants' Motion for Sanctions
10 (ECF No. 502) shall remain sealed. Pages in Defendants' Motion that are redacted based on
11 reference to or the contents of these Exhibits shall remain redacted.

12 DATED this 6th day of October, 2021.

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15 ELAYNA J. YOUCHAH
16 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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